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REMARKS

The Applicants sincerely appreciate the thorough examination of the present application as evidenced by the Office Actions of June 3, 2005, and December 2, 2005. In particular, the Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 4, 9-12, 17, 21, and 23 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response, the Applicants have canceled Claims 2, 4, 16, 21, and 59-75; amended Claim 6 to include all recitations of Claim 4 (indicated allowable); rewritten dependent Claims 9-11, 17, and 23 in independent form (indicated allowable); and amended Claim 25 to include all recitations of Claim 21 (indicated allowable). All claims have thus been placed in a condition indicated allowable by the Examiner.

Accordingly, the Applicants submit that all pending claims in the present application are in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in due course. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone should any additional issues need to be addressed.

Respectfully submitted,


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